THE RACES MANGALITZA RED VARIETY AND BAZNA BREED IN CLUJ COUNTY

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SUMMARY

Mangalitza race, it is a races of old formation, about it`s origin there are many opinions: some authors consider that it was formed from Sus-scrofa ferus, by others from a cross between roman pigs and local primitive ones, wich resulted from Sus-scrofa ferus, and others consider it’s a domestic form of the wilde Sus mediteraneus. It is sure that it was formed by selection and amelioration of old formation pigs in Balcanic conditions. It is well consolidated and present the varieties: Fairy Mangalitza (white-yellow), Red Mangalitza, Black Mangalitza and Mangalitza with Swallow Abdomen (black and white).

It is a race for fat, the adult weight is till 160 – 170 kg in females and 190 – 200 kg in males.

The body is short, middle large, and the fatten pig has an cask shape. The heads is middle in size, the snout is cylindrical and light concave by profile. The back is convex, the croup is wry. The skin is thick, with the specific color for each variety. The robe is formed by curly hair and abundant down.

It has a reduce prolificity (5 – 6 suckling pigs at one farrowing); the sows are not good mothers. Besides their low capacity of suckling, they crush the pigs. It si a middle precocious race reaching the maturity at 3.5 – 5 years (the sexual maturity is installed at 11 – 12 months). It is very resistant and is suitable for the maintenance on the pasture, being very demanding for the stable conditions.

Mangalitza race it is suitable for extensive breeding, but because the fat consumption has diminished, the perspective of breeding are reduce to only maintaining some nuclei as genetic stock of pure race.

Bazna race. It was formed by a cross of Mangalitza and Berk races, 100 years ago, around Bazna area. During the passing of the time it has suffer infusions of Yourk race.

It belongs to the meat – fat productive type, the exterior aspect and the productions are variable, with the breeding conditions. It is middle large, and the weight can reach to 140 – 200 kg and even more, till 230 kg.

The head is small till middle, with a concave profile, and ears have variable size (small or large). The body is middle in length (in some individuals - small), cylindrical the back line is light convex (sometimes right). The hams are middle sized. The legs have middle length, are subtle and resistant. The robe is formed by a lot of smooth hair.

It’s color is black with white belt which surround the body in the shoulders and anterior legs area, with a width vary between 2 – 3 cm to 30 – 40 cm. The prolificity is 8 – 9 pigs per farrowing, the sows are good mothers. The precocity is good at 11 – 12 months are good for reproduction; they reach maturity at 3 – 3.5 years.

The Bazna pig is suitable for breeding in private farmstead and can satisfy the consum needs of population. It has even that more reduce perspective of breeding comparing with white races, which are more economically.

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